

B. REMARKS

No claims have been canceled or added in this reply. Hence, Claims 1, 3-16, 18-31 and 33-40 are pending in this application. The amendments to the claims do not add any new matter to this application. All issues raised in the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007 are addressed hereinafter.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 16 AND 18-30 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 16 and 18-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims have been amended to address the specific issues identified in the Office Action. The claims as amended are now directed to computer-readable storage media that store instructions. The processing of the stored instructions by one or more processors in one or more computers causes the recited functionality to be performed and realized. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 16 and 18-30, as amended, are directed to statutory subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 16 and 18-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 3-16, 18-31 AND 33-40 UNDER OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1, 3-16, 18-31 and 33-40 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-12 and 23-31 of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,507. A proper terminal disclaimer complying with 37 CFR 3.73(b) is filed herewith. Accordingly, reconsideration withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and the issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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